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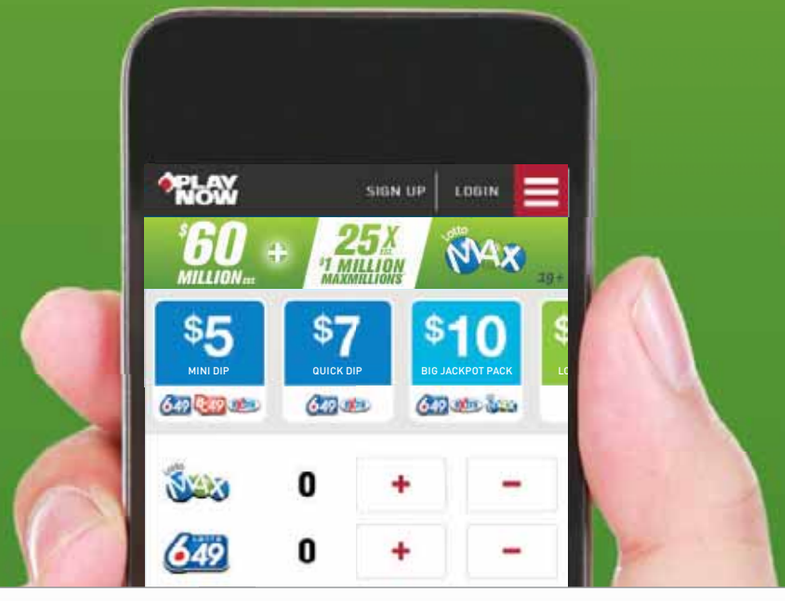

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Aaron Jasper stands on the site of the new campus on Station Street. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

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ESPIONAGE

Vancouver man charged with spying in China

China's official news agency says a Canadian who was detained more than a year ago has been indicted on accusations of spying for Canada and stealing Chinese state secrets.

Xinhua says Kevin Garratt was indicted by prosecutors in Dandong city, near China's border with North Korea, where the former Vancouver man and his wife ran a popular coffee shop and conducted Christian aid work.

Garratt and his wife Julia — who have lived in China for 30 years — were arrested in August 2014. Julia was released on bail in February 2015.

The Xinhua report says that during an investigation, Chinese authorities found evidence that implicates Garratt in accepting tasks from "Canadian espionage agencies to gather intelligence in China."

Their son, Simeon Garratt, who lives in Vancouver, has denied his parents were involved in espionage.

The accusations against the couple in August 2014 came about a week after Canada accused a China-sponsored hacker of infiltrating Canada's National Research Council, the country's top research and development organization.

Xinhua said the Garratt case will be tried at the Dandong Intermediate People's Court. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Former university president points finger after data leak

EDUCATION

Gupta breaks silence over his resignation and turmoil at UBC

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

Former University of British Columbia president Arvind Gupta says leaked documents painting his leadership as "rudderless" represent a one-sided, unsubstantiated attack by a small group of ad-hoc executives.

Gupta has remained silent on his resignation last August until now, after the university inadvertently included a number of exchanges between Gupta and then-UBC board chair John Montalbano that were meant to be redacted as part of a Freedom of Information release.

The scathing memos leveled sharp criticism at Gupta's first year as president, calling his term "unsettled" and accusing him of being unreceptive to advice and indifferent toward the UBC board before asking him to make significant shifts in his management style.

The data breach, Gupta said, has forced him to go public.

"I'm trying to clarify as much as I can," Gupta told Metro. "I felt it painted a one-sided story. I received these documents from a subgroup of the board, asked for evidence of the things in these documents and … asked for more evidence to make sure (allegations of low morale) were not just rumour and innuendo."

Gupta said he took the complaints outlined by Montalbano seriously and wanted them rolled into a formal performance review.

Instead, Gupta felt he was being "back channeled" by a group not representative of the wider university community.

"It feels very much like you're boxing with a shadow or a ghost," he said. "In late July, early August, I had a pretty tough decision to make. This ad-hoc committee weren't supportive of me. I had no route to talk to the whole board. My decision (in resigning) was that it wasn't healthy to have a public battle."

Seeing the turmoil the scandal has caused — Montalbano has since stepped down, as well — he regrets he didn't fight harder for his position.

"I couldn't have predicted the turmoil this has caused on campus," he said. "If I had known, it may have been better to take on these issues in the summer. It would have been more public."

> **This ad hoc committee weren't supportive.**
> Arvind Gupta

Gupta said his conflict with some board members and potentially others emerged from his desire to modernize the university, something he said he was open about even during his hiring process.

His "back to basics" vision involved making UBC more invested in broader society through impactful research initiatives. Doing so required governance changes and prioritizing engagement and buy-in from faculty, staff and students, he said.

"From the first day, I was interested in building a 21st-century university," said Gupta. "When we're talking about changes, some people will be uneasy. If no one felt uneasy about the change, it would mean we're keeping the status quo."

Based on the support he's received from colleagues since his resignation, Gupta believes there's still a desire for the university to move in the direction he had advocated.

Gupta remains a professor at UBC's Department of Computer Science but is on a one-year leave from the university. In the meantime, he's taken up a position as distinguished visiting professor at the University of Toronto.

Martha Piper, UBC president from 1997 to 2006, is back in that role on an interim basis until a permanent replacement is found.

Former University of British Columbia president Arvind Gupta. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

WestJet hits all the wrong notes with musical great

TRANSPORT ROW

Famed cellist blasts airline's instrument rule as 'indefensible'

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

A renowned American cellist says he is "outraged" after hearing that WestJet refused to allow a young musician's cello in the cabin during a recent flight from Vancouver, even though he bought an extra seat for the instrument.

Nearly four years ago, Paul Katz says he received the same treatment.

"I get angry," he told Metro. "I just think WestJet is so indefensible, and their attitude is so cavalier. They're just so out of step with the whole airline industry."

Earlier this month, Juilliard School cellist Nathan Chan attempted to bring his cello onto a flight from Vancouver to Toronto but was refused by the airline.

Nathan Chan says WestJet refused to allow his cello in the cabin during a flight to Toronto earlier this month. COURTESY JIYANG CHEN PHOTOGRAPHY

The 22-year-old bought his ticket through American Airlines, which allows passengers travelling with a cello to buy an extra seat for the instrument.

When he arrived at the airport, however, he found out that the flight was operated by Calgary-based airline WestJet, and was forced leave the instrument behind with family and forfeit his $250 US ticket for the extra seat.

According to WestJet, the airline is "not licensed to carry anything in its seats that requires a specialized strap or other device to attach it to a seat."

But Katz argues that WestJet seems to be one of the only airlines in North America with such a policy.

A member of The Cleveland Quartet, a successful but now defunct chamber orchestra, Katz spent nearly 50 years touring the world with his cello in tow.

At the height of their touring career, he said he took his cello on more than 200 flights a year, mostly without incident.

It was only in 2012, on a WestJet-operated flight from Calgary to Los Angeles, that Katz said he encountered an airline policy that seemed off-key.

On that day, Katz had already secured his cello in the seat beside him — the tickets for which he had also booked through American Airlines — when a flight attendant informed him that the instrument would need to be stowed in the cargo hold.

Without knowing anyone in Calgary that could hold onto the cello for him, Katz said he eventually agreed to allow the airline to check the instrument.

When the plane encountered severe turbulence, Katz said his stomach was in knots throughout the flight, fearing for the safety of the priceless instrument, which was made in 1669. Fortunately, when the plane landed, he said was brought to tears when he opened the case and saw the cello was still in one piece.

American cellist Paul Katz COURTESY PAUL KATZ

He later detailed his nerve-wracking experience in a story for the Boston Globe newspaper.

"My particular instrument is historic," he said. "You just cannot take that instrument with that kind of historic significance and leave it to chance.

"When you own an instrument like that, I think of myself as a caretaker for the next generation. It's a treasure for humanity and you feel a responsibility to take care of it."

Metro reached out to WestJet about its carry-on baggage policy for large instruments, but the company refused to comment.

POLICIES

Air Canada has a policy allowing passengers travelling with a cello to buy an extra seat for their instrument at a 50 per cent discount.

In the U.S., the airline passenger's bill of rights protects the right of musicians wishing to carry a large instrument in the aircraft cabin to purchase an additional seat to accommodate the item.

IN BRIEF

More frontline staff OK'd to give life-saving drug

Firefighters in Vancouver and Surrey have been moved to the front lines in the battle against the soaring number of overdoses and drug deaths.

Health Minister Terry Lake says specially licensed firefighters will be allowed to administer naloxone, a drug that reverses opioid overdoses, such as those caused by fentanyl.

B.C.'s 525 community-based paramedics are also included under the amendment, although paramedics with more advanced training have been administering the drug for many years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Privacy commissioner raps B.C. for massive privacy protection failure

B.C.'s privacy watchdog says the Education Ministry failed to protect the personal information of millions of students and teachers when it lost a hard drive containing 30 years of information.

An report by Elizabeth Denham says the ministry did not secure a portable hard drive containing personal information of 3.4 million B.C. and Yukon students and teachers.

The hard drive, which wasn't encrypted, was reported missing last August after an extensive search by up to 50 bureaucrats at a secret government warehouse.

The report says the ministry breached the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act when it failed to protect the information. Denham makes nine recommendations, including encrypting all mobile data storage devices and maintaining accurate inventories of personal information. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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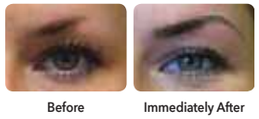

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WILDLIFE ACT

Athlete banned from hunting for 3 years

Anaheim Ducks defenceman Clayton Stoner was banned from hunting for three years and fined $10,000 for killing a grizzly bear on B.C.'s central coast.

Stoner acknowledged through his lawyer Wednesday that he had breached the provincial Wildlife Act during the hunt in May 2013. Lawyer Marvin Stern said his client mistakenly believed he was qualified to participate as a resident.

Stoner wasn't in the Abbotsford court, and Stern pleaded guilty on his behalf to hunting without a licence.

Provincial court Judge Brent Hoy accepted that Stoner thought he was qualified as a resident, but the law had still been breached.

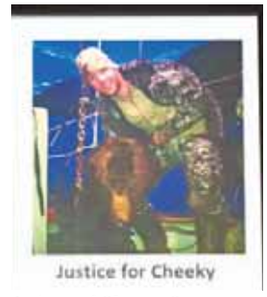
"If one hunts, then one must do so responsibilty," he said.

The government dropped four other charges against Stoner, including knowingly making a false statement to obtain a hunting licence, hunting out of season and unlawfully possessing dead wildlife.

Stoner, who's originally from Vancouver Island, owns a home in Langford, B.C. To obtain a commercial trophy licence, a hunter must reside in B.C. for at least half of each of six months in the previous year.

The case gained media attention when photos were published of Stoner holding up a bear's severed head. First Nations and environmentalists claimed the animal was Cheeky, a star tourist attraction in B.C.'s Great Bear Rainforest.

After he was charged, Stoner requested a DNA test on the bear, which determined the animal was 18 years old, not the five-year-old Cheeky, Stern told the court. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A photo of **Clayton Stoner** posing with a grizzly bear. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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‘More questions than answers’

The former chairman of the Save St. Paul’s coalition is among those voicing concerns about the century-old hospital’s impending move

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Aaron Jasper, former Save St. Paul’s Hospital Coalition chairman, stands on the industrial site on Station Street where Providence Health Care plans to build a new state-of-the-art hospital. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

For Aaron Jasper, talking about the new St. Paul’s Hospital is like a bad case of déjà vu.

For more than a decade, Jasper, former chairman of the Save St. Paul’s Hospital Coalition, has publicly opposed moving the hospital to replace the existing aging building on Burrard Street.

Last week, when Vancouver city council unanimously approved a planning process for the new hospital, Jasper, also a former park board chairman, said he found himself again questioning what he described as a backwards process.

“This all started for me back in 2003 with a frustration that Providence Health Care was not being genuine in their consultation about the future of St. Paul’s,” Jasper told Metro. “Back then, they had an idea about relocation, but what they were doing with the public felt like more of a sales pitch and, for me, 12 years later, I haven’t seen that much has changed.”

Last April, Providence Health Care, the organization that runs St. Paul’s, announced the existing century-old hospital, which has long been in need of repairs and seismic upgrades, will close and be replaced by a new $1-billion state-of-the-art health-care campus on a 7.5-hectare site on Station Street. The organization said it hopes the facility will be ready by 2022.

The province is committing $500 million to the new facility, while Providence will come up with the remaining funds, largely by leveraging the land value of the current site.

But for Jasper, while he realizes there is an urgent need to replace the century-old hospital, he said many of the worries he had more than a decade ago about moving the facility still remain. And now that the “horse is out of the barn,” Jasper said he wonders what can be done to still address the potential unintended consequences.

Among his concerns is the possibility of further gentrification in the Downtown Eastside and the nearby Strathcona neighbourhood once the new hospital is built.

Jasper, who works as a realtor, said he has heard from renters and homeowners who say they are anxious about being “squeezed out” of the area.

“It’s all fine and dandy to say we’re going to have a great new facility and it’s going to be focused on family care,” he said. “But a lot of the families that are in that neighbourhood are being squeezed out.”

A former West End resident, Jasper echoed an ongoing concern from many in that neighbourhood about how moving the hospital will affect those who access its services regularly.

With about 65 per cent of St. Paul’s visitors coming from out of town, Jasper said he is also concerned about a lack of nearby hotels and services for family members visiting a loved one at the new hospital.

“The benefit of the current location is that they can stay at … a myriad of hotels, shops, restaurants, clinics and pharmacies that are all walking distance from the hospital,” said Jasper.

Jasper said he wishes Providence and the city had considered how to replace those services at the new hospital site before the decision to move the facility was made.

“I think there’s more questions than answers,” he said. “The examination of all these challenges should’ve taken place before the city gave its stamp of approval.”

While he acknowledged that he realizes Providence Health Care is “trying to make the best within a financial envelope that they’ve been given,” Jasper said he couldn’t help but question whether the planning process is being handled appropriately.

“Everyone likes the new and the shiny,” he said. “But in the rush to build the new and start from scratch, I’m concerned that the delivery of health-care services in the neighbourhoods that need it most might actually be left in the dust.”

RESPONSE

Providence Health Care vows ‘ample opportunities’ for feedback

The future of St. Paul’s Hospital’s renewal has been more than 20 years in the making and, even today, is still a work in progress, according to Shaf Hussain, spokesman for Providence Health Care.

While the decision has been made to build a new hospital on Station Street, Hussain said the details are still being finalized. “This is not happening today or tomorrow,” he told Metro. “We’re not just going to plop a new hospital down in a new neighbourhood and see what this does.”

Last week, Vancouver city council passed a motion allowing Providence to work closely with the city’s planning department, which will be leading public consultation about the site for the new hospital starting this spring.

Hussain said Providence is committed to listening to the public’s concerns and using the information in its planning process.

“People have valid concerns,” he said. “The short answer is, a ton of studies need to be done.... This is a seven- or eight-year project and each phase of development will require holding public information sessions. There will be ample opportunities for everybody to let us know.”

FOOD NOTES **ZIMT CHOCOLATES**

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For sweetness, the 27-year-old entrepreneur uses coconut sugar, which lends a caramel-y undertone. The other significant contributor to Emma’s formula is cacao butter, adding a rich and creamy texture to the final product. Also, Emma has remained true to the dark chocolate tradition by skipping the dairy products altogether, resulting in an utterly luscious and bold chocolate flavour.

Twelve ZIMT products are currently available for your indulgence (available online and in dozens of stores around the city) — my favourites are the Dark Chocolate Coconut Creme Truffles in a trio of wildly unique, winning flavours: Lemon Basil, Citrus Earl Grey and Salted Caramel Creme.

North Vancouver’s Emma Smith creates her own chocolate for her dairy-free ZIMT Chocolates. ERIN IRELAND/METRO

VANCOUVER TRENDING

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A space to create

Woodworking, architecture and design flourish where craftspeople gather to share tools and inspiration

1 Maker Jeremie Laguette creates beautiful signs at MakerLabs in East Vancouver. 2 A variety of objects printed in the 3D printer. 3 Boat builders work on their craft at MakerLabs. ALL PHOTOS AMY LOGAN/FOR METRO

Amy Logan
For Metro | Vancouver

From the outside, MakerLabs is just another low-slung East Van warehouse. But step inside and the hum of creativity is palpable.

Chris Johnston, who mans the front desk on a recent, rainy evening, is a good example of the kind of creative member such spaces attract. One of the founders of West Coast Flying Trapeze, he uses the tools and machines at MakerLabs (780 East Cordova St.) to build circus equipment.

A wander through the 26,000-square-foot warehouse reveals a wealth of innovation: One member crafts full-size, custom-designed boats, another constructs delicate jewelry cabinets from rare woods.

Maker spaces — places where craftspeople , makers, architects, designers and artists gather to share tools and ideas and to work on projects — abound in Vancouver these days. Vancouver Community Laboratory, Vancouver Hack Space, and Zen Maker Lab in North Van are just a few of the choices open to makers looking for a space in which to work and connect with like-minded people.

For a monthly fee, MakerLabs members have access to specialized equipment like laser cutters and 3D printers and, perhaps most importantly, "a super supportive community," as Johnston puts it.

At Vancouver Hack Space (#104-1715 Cook St.), makers gather to share their knowledge and expertise in areas such as machining, crafting, electronics and robotics, as well as electronic music and art, not to mention beer.

The rise of Kickstarter and Indiegogo campaigns means that some of these makers are able to successfully crowdfund their projects and get their business off the ground, a sort of DIY independence that is highly appealing to makers.

For those who simply want to get their hands on some tools, the Vancouver Tool Library (3448 Commercial St.) is a community resource that lends tools — ranging from table saws to gardening tools and even a sewing machine — to its members for minimal costs, empowering users and inspiring creativity.

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Tory selfie

1 The nation's former PM, who's dropped off the political map following his electoral defeat, was spotted in the Calgary airport Wednesday. He took a minute to snap a selfie with a passerby who recognized him. Patrick Simms posted the photo to Facebook, saying he knocked (Harper's) phone out of his hand when going to shake it."

2 Harper is no stranger to selfies. While not as savvy as the current PM, he's still made the rounds on social media. In this shot from Jan. 30, Harper is pictured with Canada's women's water polo team.

PATRICK SIMMS VIA FACEBOOK

KATRINA MONTON VIA TWITTER

IN BRIEF

Number of refugee sponsorships still in air
Thousands of Canadians are trying to raise money to sponsor Syrian refugees but it remains an open question how many privately sponsored refugees Canada will accept. The program aims to bring 25,000 Syrians by the end of next month, with about 10,000 to be privately sponsored. But new data shows that by the middle of last December, the government didn't even have that many applications in hand. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sajjan shrugs off worries about Kurdish soldiers
Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan is rejecting calls for stricter supervision of the military training mission in Iraq, saying the standard course on the laws of war will be enough to keep Kurdish fighters from committing barbaric acts in the heat of battle. The first thing Canadian trainers teach is professionalism, Sajjan said Thursday. Amnesty International is calling on the government to build safeguards to prevent Canada being dragged into the kind of human-rights controversies that dogged the Afghan war. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Legal pot could reap $5B a year

TAXES

Economist's estimate based on curtailing illegal sales

Call it Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's secret stash.

A new report from CIBC World Markets says Canada's federal and provincial governments could reap as much as $5 billion annually in tax revenues from the sale of legal marijuana.

CIBC economist Avery Shenfeld crunched the numbers using current estimates of Canadian recreational pot consumption, the revenue experience in U.S. states that have legalized, and other factors — such as prevailing "sin tax" rates on alcohol and tobacco.

"The bottom line is that federal (and) provincial governments might reap as much as $5 billion from legalization, but only if all the underground sales are effectively curtailed," writes Shenfeld.

"That's on the order of 0.25 per cent of GDP, no barnburner."

The Liberal government has promised to legalize, tax and regulate marijuana and has made MP Bill Blair, the former Toronto police chief, the lead on investigating a new regulatory model.

Trudeau maintains that legalized pot will not be a cash cow, and that all revenues will be used to address mental health and addictions issues.

"It was never about a money-maker, it was always about public health, public safety," the prime minister said in December during a year-end interview.

The experience of Colorado and Washington states, where pot sales were legalized and taxed, suggests no dramatic increase in marijuana usage but a potential for pot tourism.

"The desirability of increased marijuana tourism inflows will be questioned, no doubt, but they would generate additional fiscal revenues for government on their other tourist spending," Shenfeld writes.

The report uses Colorado sales figures to estimate a Canadian pot market worth about $10 billion annually, then looks at net profit margins from Ontario's government booze monopoly and other associated income and payroll taxes to come up with the revenue total. THE CANADIAN PRESS

> **It was never about a money-maker, it was always about public health.** Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

PRIVACY

Spy agency broke law: Watchdog

Canada's electronic spy agency broke privacy laws by sharing information about Canadians with foreign partners, says a federal watchdog.

The Communications Security Establishment passed along the information — known as metadata — to counterparts in the U.S., Britain, Australia and New Zealand, said Jean-Pierre Plouffe, who keeps an eye on the highly secretive agency.

Metadata is information associated with a communication — such as a phone number or email address — but not the message itself.

The CSE uses highly advanced technology to intercept, sort and analyze foreign communications for information of intelligence interest to the federal government.

In his annual report for 2014-15, completed last year but made public only Thursday, Plouffe said certain CSE metadata activities raised legal questions. In a statement, Plouffe said he has since concluded that laws were broken. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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WEB CULTURE

Mumbai police become a hit on Twitter

A witty tweet from Mumbai police. The police service's new anti-drug campaign has gone viral in a string of word play. TWITTER

Mumbai police are on a roll.

In the month since they debuted on Twitter, the police and its chief of police have been firing up a storm of punfilled, witty warnings on abiding traffic rules, on women's safety and even on how to be safe online.

And on Wednesday, the police service's new anti-drug campaign went viral in a string of word play.

"If you roll, we will weed you out," read one message that was retweeted thousands of times. Then came: "Be a hero without 'heroin.'" A couple of hours later there was a cheeky question: "Hi! Have you 'meth' us?" with the hashtag #HoshMeinAao, which means wake up. One tweet had a picture of white powder on ground with the letters LSD and the message: "Let's Stop Drugs."

Giddy Twitter users in India gave a thumbs-up to the police service — a rarity in that country.

"Mumbai police account is giving Twitter standup comedians a good run for their money," said one user. Another tweeted: "Ok, Mumbai Police just killed it. The rest of you, go home."

#MumbaiPolice trended on Twitter in India all Wednesday.

The Twitter campaign was applauded not just for its clever use of words, but also for getting an important message across without being preachy or pedantic. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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A Health Secretary employee fumigates against mosquito Aedes Aegypti mosquito outside houses in Cali, Colombia. LUIS ROBAYO/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Zika virus spreading

OUTBREAK

Health experts may declare international emergency

Declaring that the Zika virus is "spreading explosively," the World Health Organization announced it will hold an emergency meeting of independent experts Monday to decide if the outbreak should be declared an international health emergency.

At a special meeting Thursday in Geneva, WHO Director-General Dr. Margaret Chan said the virus - which has been linked to birth defects and neurological problems - was becoming much more of a threat. One WHO scientist said the Americas could see up to 4 million cases of Zika in the next year.

Chan said although there was no definitive proof that the Zika virus was responsible for a spike in the number of babies being born with abnormally small heads in Brazil, "the level of alarm is extremely high." She also noted a possible relationship between Zika infections and Guillain-Barre syndrome, which can cause temporary paralysis.

The Zika virus was first detected in 1947 and for decades only caused mild disease, but Chan noted that "the situation today is dramatically different." According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, the Zika virus is now in more than 20 countries, mostly in Central and South America. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOD BAN

Canada adopts new donor restrictions in wake of virus

Canadian Blood Services will soon refuse blood donations from those who have travelled to countries where the Zika virus spread.

Chief medical and scientific officer Dr. Dana Devine says the blood collection agency will decide in the next few days which travel destinations would be linked to a temporary ban. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brazil to wage war on mosquitoes

Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff has invited all nations in Latin America and the Caribbean to discuss ways to join forces to cope with the rapid spread of the Zika virus and declared war on the mosquito that carries it.

On Twitter, Rousseff said "we must declare war on the Aedes aegypti mosquito" that carries the virus, a war that will focus on eliminating the insect's breeding grounds until a vaccine is developed. "We are going to focus on eliminating all the pools of standing water where the Aedes live and reproduce," she tweeted. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Barbie's got new body types

TOYS

Kudos from Canadians for curvy, tall and petite dolls

As a black woman raising her eldest daughter through the mid-'80s and '90s, Samantha Kemp-Jackson found little variety among dolls when it came to different shapes, skin tones and abilities — especially with Barbies.

"It was, for the most part, the stereotypical Barbie with the blond hair and the disproportionate body proportions," recalls the mother of four. "It always made me a bit uncomfortable because as a woman and as a parent I thought: 'What is this teaching my daughter?'

"If she doesn't conform to what this Barbie looks like, is that going to result in her having issues about herself and her body and not being beautiful? "

With Mattel's announcement Thursday that its iconic plastic plaything will now include tall, curvy and petite body types, Kemp-Jackson joins other Canadians applauding the move by the toy manufacturer to better reflect diversity among females.

The new additions to the Barbie Fashionista doll range include seven skin tones, 22 eye colours and 24 hairstyles.

The shift comes after years of criticism of Barbie for reinforcing unrealistic body proportions and beauty ideals.

Michael Bach, CEO of the Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion, said he's excited at the prospect of giving a doll to his 2-1/2-year-old biracial niece who can "see herself in it." The fact that it's Barbie makes it all the more noteworthy given the doll's longevity and status, he added.

"Barbie is an icon. She's been around for 55 years," he said. "This has incredible impact because it is Barbie.

Akram Sharkawy, brand communications marketing manager at Mattel, said the new dolls will be available at stores in Canada at the end of February. They can be ordered online at shop.mattel.com.

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Some of the new Barbies introduced this month. The dolls now come in three new body types: tall, curvy and petite, and in seven skin tones, 22 eye colours. COURTESY MATTEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

McDonald's expanding its all-day breakfast menu

McDonald's is pushing its operational limits by testing the addition of another morning favourite to the all-day breakfast lineup: the McGriddle. It plans to start offering an expanded menu that adds McGriddle and biscuit sandwiches in 72 restaurants in Tulsa, Oklahoma starting Feb. 1. The test comes after customers complained about the absence of the McGriddle when McDonald's launched a limited menu in October.

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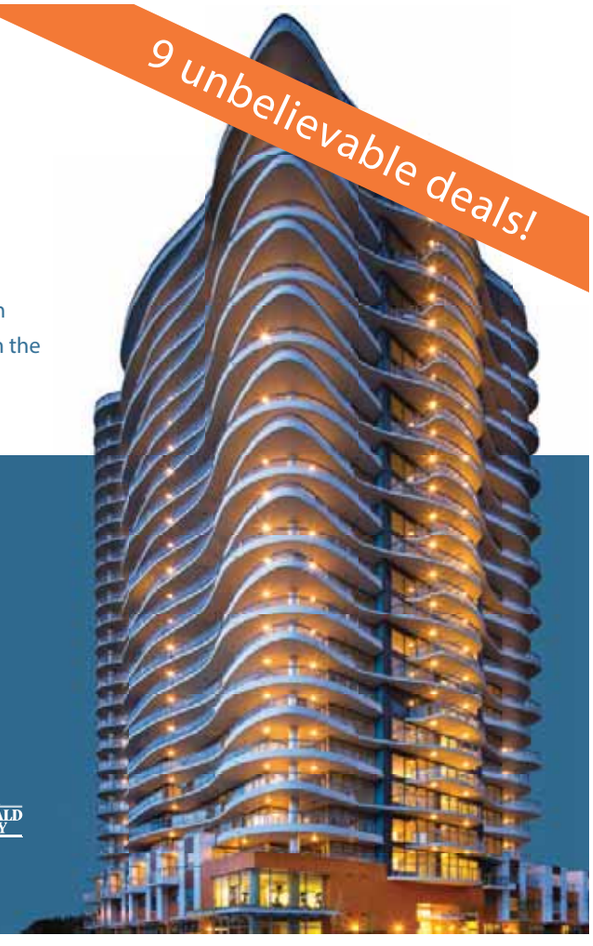

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METRO CALL TO ACTION

Rainbow-coloured #PrideTape

Somewhere over the rainbow, there will be progress in hockey. What if an inspiring show of inclusiveness by one NHL team became a national movement towards greater acceptance of LGBTQ people participating in team sports? Let's make it happen.

Sticking it to prejudice

Last week, the Edmonton Oilers rainbow-taped their hockey sticks for their annual skills competition, to show support for LGBTQ youth. The idea came from another Edmontonian — Kris Wells — who's created Pride Tape in an effort to make Canada's beloved sport a safer space for all who love the game.

Wells, a professor at the University of Alberta, notes there are still no out players in the NHL, and that for inclusiveness to sweep through hockey, the message has to come from the top.

"Change is going to take captains, coaches and community members stepping forward," Wells said. "Pride Tape says, without having to say the words, that 'I'm an ally.'"

A movement is made

Pride Tape is an initiative of the Institute for Sexual Minority Studies and Services at the University of Alberta, which has a Kickstarter campaign underway to make 10,000 rolls of the rainbow-coloured tape. The Oilers Community Foundation made an $8,000 donation to the campaign and players also had it on their sticks Sunday.

Oilers defenceman Andrew Ference and his team showed their support for Pride Tape on Sunday. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Canadian pride

As the Canucks mull using Pride Tape, other Canadian NHL teams contacted by Metro have said they're supportive of the initiative and are considering making the tape available to their players.

We think all of Canada's pro and amateur hockey teams should get on board with Pride Tape. If you agree, share this story online and post on social media: #PrideTape

What reconciliation looks like in real life

Genna Buck
Metro | Toronto

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission calls on the federal government to close gaps in education, employment and health outcomes between indigenous and non-indigenous Canadians.

I've been thinking about how those gaps can be identified and closed. How to improve, concretely, the lives of indigenous people, with those communities' full participation, and with respect for their heritage, knowledge and right to self-government.

To get an idea of how this can be done, in a way that is guided by scientific evidence, look at Oklahoma.

That U.S. state is home to the Cherokee Nation, which suffers a disproportionately high rate of cancers related to tobacco use. The University of Oklahoma began working with the Cherokee to address this issue, and the National Institute of Health helped out to the tune of $1.5 million.

Cherokee people themselves will be monitoring cancer cases and their outcomes from the nation's in-house health-research office.

The general ideas are to find interventions to reduce cancer and help the office develop research capacity, but nothing is being decided by the university and dictated to the tribe, said Paul Spicer, an anthropologist and the lead researcher on the project. A joint committee — half Cherokee, half from the university — is setting the research agenda.

This is extremely exciting. It's ground-up, but still science-based. I can imagine a similar approach being used to address many issues, from early childhood education to the management of fish stocks.

It doesn't seem that hard. Why aren't we doing it in every indigenous community in Canada? I asked my friend Rebecca Benson, who is Haudenosaunee and a young professional with a deep understanding of the social problems in indigenous communities.

She was positive about research-based problem-solving, but she had a word of caution. We don't have a single indigenous community with anywhere near the population and clout of the Cherokee Nation's 300,000 people. Many, though not all, Canadian reserves are in a chronic state of crisis, she said. An ambitious collaborative science project isn't realistic when hunger is rampant and there's just been a cluster of youth suicides.

It seems to me that there aren't the human resources available, in many cases, to have a collaboration, Oklahoma-style, where the local indigenous people and scientists are on truly equal footing.

And when the majority of the researchers are not part of the community, the thorny issue of consent becomes all that much more important.

That's what Benson emphasized most: the need for indigenous groups to give their consent for research in their communities and on their lands. Not cursory, one-time consent, but continuous consent, with the option to withdraw if they decide the research isn't benefiting them.

There is participatory research going on in indigenous communities in Canada, but as reconciliation efforts begin in earnest and we try to close those gaps, there needs to be more. Because if we base policies on evidence, they have a shot of working.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
metroview

Anger alone can't fix what ails La Loche. But it would help.

Not worth the money.

That's how Cindy Blackstock described the Canadian government's attitude toward indigenous children.

As the director of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society, she's been at the centre of a nine-year battle that culminated Tuesday with the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal's ruling that the federal government discriminates against indigenous children.

The tribunal found reserves receive 22 per cent to 34 per cent less child welfare funding than everyone else. It slammed the government over the high proportion of indigenous children in foster care (nearly half of those under 14 years old, according to the 2013 National Household Survey).

The ruling addresses a fraction of the scandal that is indigenous people's living conditions. There's a lack of clean water and quality housing; indigenous youth suicide rates are at least five times higher than the national average.

All these issues have surfaced in the media in the wake of the La Loche shooting, prompting concerns over negative, one-sided depictions of remote communities. La Loche's former mayor and current MP Georgina Jolibois said the town's social ills are not to blame for the shooting. "Unfortunately it had to happen here, but it is a Canadian experience," she said.

That may be true, but it's never a bad time to put a spotlight on systemic suffering, especially when it's of such a magnitude that Blackstock can credibly dub it "our Mississippi ... the same racial discrimination that we saw in the United States against African-Americans." In fact, she added, it's worse.

And I'd agree, in one way: While the U.S. has and continues to obsess over its racism, we are not getting nearly angry enough.

Take Flint, Michigan. Americans have been consumed by the story of the majority-black city's lead-poisoned water. No doubt some Hollywood director already smells Oscar bait. Meanwhile, our own unsafe-drinking-water scandal threatens to become an overlooked independent documentary.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is right to travel to La Loche today, because outrage over the deadliest school shooting in our history and its causes could easily fade to a whimper. As he does, Blackstock will be pushing for an estimated $200,000 yearly investment in on-the-ground change for indigenous kids.

It's an old story, this racism, as old as this country. So is America's, where the outrage burns far hotter.

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The Kung Fu Panda series of films are well-loved by audiences around the world. Inset: Kung Fu Panda directors Jennifer Yuh Nelson and Alessandro Carloni. CONTRIBUTED

Riding the wave of Po-pularity

IN FOCUS

Directors love their star of Kung Fu Panda

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

It's all about Po, don't you know.

When I ask Kung Fu Panda 2 and 3 director Jennifer Yuh Nelson how she feels about being one of the highest grossing female directors of all time, she demurs and gives all the credit to her star.

"I think it is a testament to how much people like Po and like these films. There is such a huge fan base it is really flattering to have been helming something that huge."

Alessandro Carloni, her directing partner on Kung Fu Panda 3, adds, "I think it will be fair to assume this will be the highest grossing movie ever to be directed by a Korean woman and an Italian man."

For the uninitiated, Po is the clumsy giant panda that became an improbable hero, dumpling-eating champion and kung fu master in the first two movies. Voiced by Jack Black, in the new film he is reunited with his biological father Li Shan (Bryan Cranston) who takes his son back to the Panda Village so the youngster can learn about himself, become a Chi master and do battle with Kai, a supernatural bull villain played by Oscar winner J.K. Simmons.

Both directors have great affection for Po and understand why audiences have fallen in love with the character.

"We love how enthusiastic he is, how geeky he is, how much passion he has," says Alessandro. "One thing I have heard someone say is often there are movies where the side cast steals the show because they are the most fun while the central character is the straight guy. But we made a movie around a goofball and everybody else are the straight characters. He is the one who steals the show. When Po is on screen you will love him."

"He has got so much enthusiasm and is basically wishing for something that is bigger than him," says Yuh. "Something he is not able to achieve and yet he perseveres. That's why we root for him because we've been there. Everyone has been there where there is something you wish you could do but don't have the means to do it and yet you keep on going. You have to root for that."

The pair have been with Po for a long time. Yuh was head of story and the action sequence supervisor on Kung Fu Panda before taking over the reins for the second film. Carloni worked on the first film as animation supervisor and story artist on part two.

Their almost 10-year journey with Po has been shared with Jack Black, who was the model for the character.

"He's very unique in that he's so funny but underneath the funny he's got so much heart," says Yuh of Black.

"He's not somebody you laugh at, you laugh with him. You root for him and that is very rare. Usually you have these more jaded guys that are funny and you laugh at them when they fall on their face. But you feel bad for this guy when he falls on his face. I think that just leaks out of his performance."

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Kung Fu Panda 3	★★★★
The Finest Hours	★★
JeruZalem	★★★

HOW RATING WORKS
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Wayans co-wrote and stars in Fifty Shades of Black. HANDOUT

INTERVIEW

Wayans' world: King of spoofs returns to big screen

Matt Prigge
Metro | New York

Marlon Wayans jokes about the reason he's always working. "My little one — this little spoiled brat — I take him to Nashville. I ask him where he wants to eat. He says, 'Let's go to Mastro's'," he tells us, referring to the high-end eatery.

"If he ever complains, 'Dad, why were you always on the road?' 'Because I had to f—ing pay for Mastro's, you little b—d!'"

Right now, the actor and performer, 43, has Fifty Shades of Black, a send-up of Fifty Shades of Grey. Wayans co-wrote and plays the mysterious Christian Grey analog in the comedy.

I have to confess I don't hate the movie Fifty Shades of Grey.
I don't hate it. I love-hate it. I think you have to love-hate the movie in order to make fun of it. You have to love and respect what's good about it, and you have to hate what's bad about it. You have to find out what's funny about it, and then deliver it. So I didn't hate it. It looked great. I thought some of the flirting was cute. I didn't like the sex scenes. They were pretty boring.

They're very PG-13.
They're PG. It's like a G. I could see Kung Fu Panda doing some of the stuff in that movie. I can see Fiona and Shrek doing something like that. (Laughs) "Come to the red room. I'll get the big whip. I'll use my tail!" Fifty Shades of Green.

How many times did you have to watch the film?
150 times.

I imagine that's like Stockholm Syndrome: eventually you come to love it all.
It becomes your favorite movie. You watch it over and over and over again, until you throw up in your mouth, slightly. When someone mentions the movie you go (gags).

Do you think you're even simply making fun of it?
It's not making fun of it. It's a comedic re-telling. Honestly if you've never seen Fifty Shades of Grey you would still enjoy this movie, because of the characters and the situations. You make these movies like they're original, and you have to make the journey enjoyable whether people have seen them or not. You're doing a comedy. At the end of the day we approached it like a comedy. Not a spoof; a comedy.

Holliday Grainger's finest accent yet

THE FINEST HOURS

Manchester actor adopts Massachusetts brogue in film

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Holliday Grainger, right, plays Miriam in The Finest Hours, a heroic action-thriller based on the extraordinary true story of the most daring rescue in the history of the Coast Guard. HANDOUT

Those only familiar with Holliday Grainger from her high profile appearance as the 1930s gangster Bonnie Parker in the much-hyped A&E miniseries Bonnie & Clyde could be forgiven for thinking she was born and raised on American soil. A perfect Texas drawl disguised her natural English accent.

"I'm from Manchester," she said in our recent sit down, "northwest England."

"Home of the Stone Roses," I replied, mentioning the Mancunian hit makers of Love Spreads.

"I'm a bit too young for that but it's a small town so the Stone Roses are never too far away," she replied with a wicked laugh.

This weekend the 27-year-old brings a new accent to the maritime drama The Finest Hours. She plays Massachusetts native Miriam, a bride-to-be anxiously awaiting the return of her Coast Guard fiancé (Chris Pine) from a life or death mission during a brutal New England nor'easter.

"I think I'm quite good at adopting accents," she says. "Once I started the Bonnie and Clyde Texas accent it was very easy. Within a day I was speaking in the accent all the time and I found it quite comfortable."

She was so secure with the twang she'd often keep the accent going even when not on camera. The Finest Hours presented more of a challenge.

"I found this much harder. I actually stayed in my own accent on set for the first week or two because I didn't feel comfortable enough in the accent to stay in it."

To master the 1950s coastal Massachusetts brogue she worked with a dialect coach and tried, unsuccessfully, to get some real life input.

"I went to Chatham (Massachusetts) and spent an afternoon trying to record people but Chatham is now so affluent and touristy. I was going into bars and restaurants and talking to people. 'Where are you from? Oh, you're from New York. You've just moved here. Which pubs have young girls working in them who are from around here?' I'd go and record some of them and they'd sound like they were from bloody Manhattan. Like bloody Valley Girls or something. It was not like the 1950s accent I needed to hear."

Her character's real life daughter Patty ended up helping out, introducing Grainger to a contemporary of Miriam's who "had the right way of talking. The resonance."

The actress nailed the New England burr and then refined it during production.

"In the middle of shooting the producers would say, 'It's too strong, bring it back.' In my mind (I was thinking) has she been at work where she speaks quite well or is she angry? It's fluid. People change their accents all the time."

Ironically, after all that work it's likely Miriam didn't have the usual regional accent.

"In actual fact Miriam's first language wasn't even English," says Grainger "She was brought up speaking Finnish so she didn't actually have the traditional accent but for the purposes of our movie we're not going to play around with that. It's too complicated."

As for Grainger, who will next be seen starring opposite Alicia Vikander and Judi Dench in Tulip Fever, don't expect to hear her Mancunian lilt every time she opens her mouth.

"I change my accent all the time depending on whom I'm talking too," she says. "If anyone had to characterize me they'd be bloody lost."

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OSCARS

Diversity move splits Academy

Since the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences said it was altering membership rules in response to an outcry over the diversity of its voters and nominees, another uproar has erupted around Hollywood. Many academy members are protesting that the new measures unjustly scapegoat older academy members and imply they're racist.

Fiery letters have poured into the academy. Trade magazines are littered with critical op-eds. Meanwhile, civil rights leaders and others say the academy's actions didn't go far enough.

Reforms meant to calm a crisis seem to have only further enflamed it. This year's Feb. 28 Academy Awards are looking less like a glitzy gala and more like a battlefield.

"Nobody in the academy should dignify any accusations of racism," says Rod Lurie, the writer-director of Straw Dogs and The Contender and a member of the academy's directors' branch, "but there obviously are biases that are created by the demographics of the academy."

The academy held an emergency meeting of its Board of Governors last week. In the wake of a second straight year of all-white acting nominees — and calls for a boycott of the Oscars broadcast — the 51-member board voted to revamp membership rules in an effort to change the makeup of the largely white, male and older association of some 7,000 members.

Though Oscar voting was previously for life, it will now be restricted to members who have been active in the industry within the past 10 years, with a few exceptions like for previous Oscar nominees. The academy also set a goal to double minority and female members by 2020.

Some members, while applauding efforts to diversify the academy, said taking away voting rights from older members smacks of ageism, and that they aren't to blame for the dearth of minority nominees in the past two years; the industry is.

Studies have proven that minorities remain under-represented in all levels of the movie business, from protagonists on screen to executives who can green-light a film. But the last two years are something of an aberration in recent Oscar history. In the 10 years prior, 24 of the 200 acting nominees were black. (Far lower is the rate of nods for Hispanics or Asian-Americans, however.)

William Goldstein, a composer and longtime academy member, chastised the academy in a Los Angeles Times editorial for "capitulating to political correctness" while missing the bigger picture. He believes outreach will make a difference, not manipulating demographics. "The set of voters that they're going to get rid of have seen more movies and have more context in which to judge something than any newbie coming into the academy," Goldstein said. "You can bring in more women, you can bring in more anybody. Everybody's a human being. They're going to vote what they're going to vote. Nothing's going to change."

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PRESENTING

Jacob Tremblay, boy from Room, to charm crowd

Vancouver's Jacob Tremblay will present at next month's Academy Awards. The nine-year-old actor has been a Hollywood fixture lately with raves for his gripping performance in Room and his charming speech at the Critics' Choice Awards.

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San Antonio's culinary Pearl

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Gastronomical delights abound in San Antonio, like fresh croissants from Bakery Lorraine; toasted cauliflower with romesco from Supper; and fried snapper throats from Southerleigh.

HEADING SOUTH

Eat your way through this district jewel

Kate Hobson
For Metro Canada

Pearl District is a gem in the otherwise sprawling city of San Antonio, Texas, providing a cosy pocket where history, luxury and inviting fare come together. The once industrial area home to the Pearl Brewery has been restored and redeveloped into a thriving culinary hub now home to many chef-driven restaurants and the Culinary Institute of America. Situated along the northern reach of the San Antonio River, the transformed Pearl District entices both locals and visitors to the area.

Hotel Emma

A warm wood burning outdoor fireplace and friendly staff draw you in and welcome you on arrival at this beautifully restored space that is now Hotel Emma. The design centres around the philosophy of repurposing industrial space into an atmosphere that makes you feel at home while also paying tribute to the history of the location: The Pearl Brewery. This boutique hotel offers some intriguing amenities including a library, rooftop pool, a culinary concierge and an in-room "icebox" filled with farmers market treats and local libations.

Supper

Inspired by the idea of "supper," the unfussy menu is perfect for a gathering of friends for a light, informal evening meal. Vegetables and meat alike are smoked on the hickory grill for added depth of flavour. The salt and vinegar Brussels sprouts are caramelized and tender. The grilled beef 'Santa Maria' with fresh tomato parsley and garlic chimichurri is bright and flavourful. The perfect finish is the ricotta seada with a hint of fennel, pickled blackberries and sprinkled with refreshing bits of celery.

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Southerleigh

Southerleigh's menu is rich with fresh seafood. The fried snapper throats are a visually impressive dish stacked high on their colourful tray and these incredibly meaty and tender fish throats don't disappoint taste-wise. Their take on devilled eggs, topped with a hunk of bacon and onion marmalade, is sweet, savoury and addictive. Fourteen rotating small-batch craft beers are offered on tap — something to quench everybody's tastes.

Bakery Lorraine

Bright, airy and bustling with people, Bakery Lorraine is a popular brunch and breakfast spot. Sit and enjoy one of their breakfast sandwiches like the croque madame layered with ham, gruyere and a poached egg on grilled sourdough or take some delicious pastries and coffee to go. If you want to experience some nostalgia, try their housemade strawberry poptarts topped with macaroon crumbles.

Nao

Explore the cuisine and culture of Latin America at Nao Gastro Bar and enjoy signature dishes from a dozen different countries. At lunchtime you will experience unique twists on classic dishes that are the creations of the students of the Culinary Institute of America. In the evening professional staff take over and more Latin American cuisine ensues. The menu is frequently updated to reflect seasonally available items so you are sure to have something new, fresh, and exciting.

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TRAVEL HACKER GUIDE

Kayak dubs Barcelona most 'viral' 2016 locale

According to a new guide, Barcelona is predicted to become the most viral (meaning trendy) destination in 2016, while there's no better time to score an airfare deal to Hong Kong.

Those are among some of the travel tips offered on Kayak's new 2016 Travel Hacker Guide, created to inspire consumers and help them plan and book their holidays this year.

Top 10 lists were compiled after converting data from the more than one billion annual travel searches on the Kayak search engine.

In the category of trending destinations, analysts saw a 27 per cent spike in flight searches for Barcelona in 2015, compared to the previous year.

Travellers who have always wanted to go to Hong Kong, meanwhile, will want to take advantage of reduced airfares, as flights from North America dropped 26 per cent last year compared to 2014. With tumbling oil prices, the trend is predicted to continue in 2016.

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Barcelona is predicted to become the most viral destination of 2016, followed by Madrid. ISTOCK

TRENDING FOR 2016

Kayak's top 10 viral destinations:

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2. Madrid
3. Kona, Hawaii
4. Tokyo
5. Bangkok
6. Amsterdam
7. Milan
8. Dublin
9. Manila
10. Athens

TRAVEL NOTES TRANSFORMERS, TRAINS AND TRADITION

Transformers theme park set to open in China in 2017

U.S.-China based film studio DMG Entertainment and toy manufacturer Hasbro have signed a deal to create Transformers Live, according to the Hollywood Reporter. This will be an enormous theme park with live shows and is expected to open in China in 2017 at an undisclosed location. DMG and Hasbro will reportedly build a 4,500 capacity arena for the shows featuring the iconic robots. AFP

Optimus Prime in Hong Kong. PHILIPPE LOPEZ/AFP

Venice kicks off parade of carnival season events

Falling February 9 in 2016, Shrove Tuesday — otherwise known as Mardi Gras — sees carnival fever takes its hold. Venice puts normal life on hold for its annual carnival, as it has for almost 1,000 years. The Venice carnival is famous for its masks, traditionally worn to remove any notion of social class during the celebrations. The theme for the 2016 edition is Creatum introducing Arts and Traditions. AFP

The Venice carnival runs to February 9. AFP

Mumbai travellers log on as Google starts train station Wi-Fi

Google has begun offering free Wi-Fi to Mumbai train passengers in hopes of boosting its role in the Indian market. Free Wi-Fi is rare across India. With more than 23 million people riding Indian railways every day, Google said free Internet will give high-speed access that many can't afford. It also hopes to diversify India's user base. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Google brings Wi-Fi to trains. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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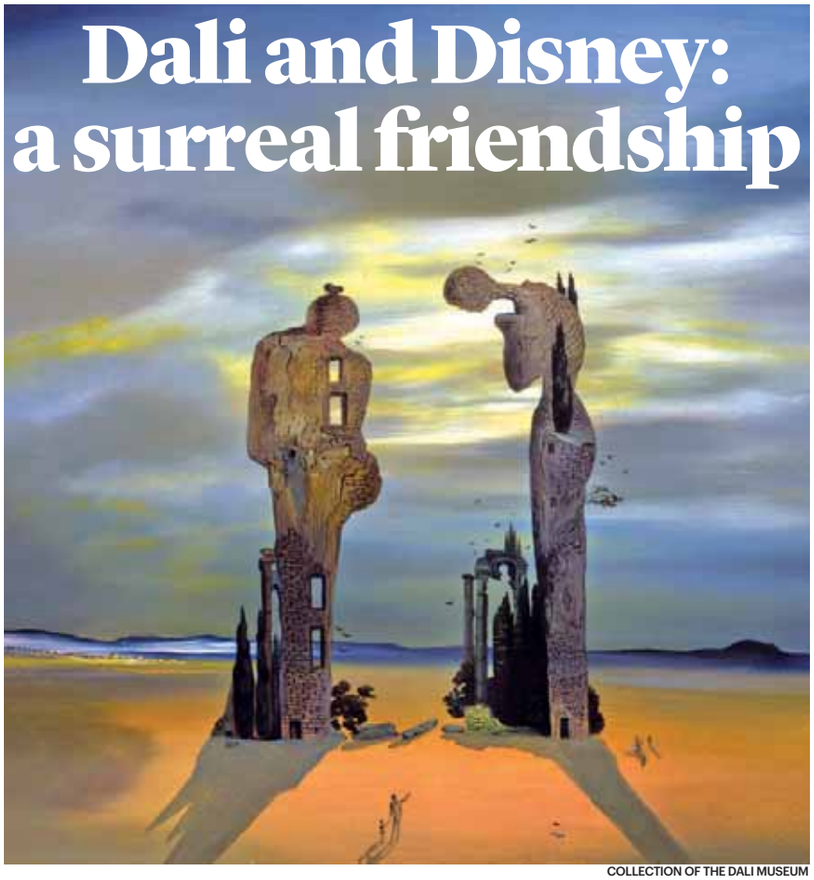
Dali and Disney: a surreal friendship



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New exhibit shows collab between artist and animator

Visitors to a new exhibition at The Dali Museum in St. Petersburg, Fla., won't just be looking at art. Thanks to virtual reality, they'll be exploring a Dali painting in a dreamy, three-dimensional world that turns art appreciation into an unforgettable, immersive experience.

The new exhibition, Disney and Dali: Architects of the Imagination, tells the story of the relationship between Salvador Dali, the surrealist artist, and Walt Disney, the great American animator and theme-park pioneer. But the museum exhibition's highlight comes after visitors have seen the Disney-Dali show's paintings, story sketches, correspondence, photos and other artifacts. As visitors leave the exhibition area, they'll be invited to don a headset to try the virtual reality experience.

Called Dreams of Dali, the VR experience takes viewers inside Dali's 1935 painting Archeological Reminiscence of Millet's Angelus. The painting depicts two towering stone figures along with tiny human figures in a bare landscape with a moody sky. Users can move around inside the painting, using Oculus Rift headsets to navigate a trippy three-dimensional environment that includes motifs from other Dali works like elephants, birds, ants and his Lobster Telephone sculpture. Accompanied by a haunting piano soundtrack punctuated by bird cries, the VR visuals also include a crescent moon, a stone tunnel and even an image of rocker Alice Cooper, whom Dali featured in a hologram he created in 1973.

Salvador Dali and Walt Disney in Spain in 1957. A new exhibition at The Dali Museum is dedicated to the relationship between the two men. DALI MUSEUM/WALT DISNEY FAMILY FOUNDATION/DISNEY

Disney and Dali met in the 1940s in Hollywood, according to museum director Hank Hine. "Their sensibilities were very connected," Hine said. "They wanted to take art off the palette, out of the canvas and into the world."

The exhibition looks at the castle motif that became a symbol of Disney parks, along with Dali's Dream of Venus pavilion from the 1939 World's Fair, which some consider a precursor of contemporary installation art.

Disney and Dali also collaborated on a short animated movie, Destino, that was eventually completed by Disney Studios. The six-minute movie, which can be found on YouTube, features a dancing girl with long dark hair, a sundial motif and a song with the line, "You came along out of a dream. ... You are my destino." Clips will be played within the gallery for the Disney-Dali exhibition and the full short will be shown at the museum's theatre.

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The Mazda CX-3's spunky and thrifty four-cylinder engine is mated to a six-speed automatic. CONTRIBUTED

Pushing the right style buttons

Small boxes that offer all-wheel-drive are being direct toward singles, young couples and empty nesters alike, and for the same reasons. They're relatively inexpensive, a breeze to maneuver in congested urban and extra-urban environs, can navigate poor weather/ roads and can carry more gear than similarly sized small sedans or hatchbacks.

And don't forget they can be nattily attired in fancy accoutrements plus the latest in crash-mitigating safety technologies. As a companion to the CX-5 small wagon, the CX-3 is about 25 centimetres shorter, eight centimetres narrower and has 13 centimetres less distance between the front and rear wheels. It's also at least 180 kilograms more svelte than the 1,455-kilogram base CX-5.

The CX-3's cabin purposely exudes an MX-5 (Miata) sports-car-like feel that's interrupted only by a pop-up-style touch-screen display. The straightforward control-panel layout includes a trio of oversized knobs and a dashboard gauge pod flanked by twin info screens. There's not an excess of leg or headroom in back for adult-sized passengers, although the doors are at least wide enough for easy entry and exit. For storage, the CX-3 is about as spacious as most of its peers, whether the split-fold back seat is upright or flattened. A 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine delivers 146 horsepower and 146 pound-feet of torque.

It's uncommon for a non-turbocharged powerplant to produce that much twisting force, relative to horsepower, but Mazda's high-piston-compression SkyActiv design makes this possible. The sole available transmission is a six-speed automatic with optional paddle shifters. The on-demand all-wheel-drive system that's available in all trim levels is linked to the vehicle's anti-lock brakes, stability control and on-board ambient thermometer. It's designed to "predict" front-wheel slippage and divert power to the rear wheels.

Note that due to the space needed for the rear differential, AWD models lose some of their stowage capacity.

CX-3

Base Price (including destination): $22,700

WAGON MIXES STYLE AND TECH

The CX-5's smaller CX-3 relation is one cute and sporty little wagon that's getting a lot of attention, but it does have its limitations. For a full load of people and cargo capacity, the bigger CX-5 is a better choice — and it looks pretty good with an updated grille — and is just as lively a driver.

The vehicle's mechanical bits are part of Mazda's SkyActiv system that's more than just marketing puffery; it represents a holistic transformation of the powertrain plus various other components to help save fuel and turn the entire lineup into exemplary driving machines.

CX-5

Base Price (incl. destination): $25,000

For the chassis and suspension, the automaker's engineers have worked to infuse the CX-5 with some sporting behaviour, combined with highly efficient engines and transmissions. The entry-point CX-5 with front-wheel-drive and a five-speed manual gearbox uses a high-compression 2.0-litre four-cylinder that operates on low-grade 87-octane fuel and makes 155 horsepower and 150 pound-feet of torque. The optional 2.5-litre four-cylinder increases the output to 184 horses and 185 pound-feet of torque. It also doesn't penalize at the pump as it consumes only slightly more fuel than the 2.0, even with its mandatory six-speed automatic transmission. All-wheel-drive is available only with this powertrain combo.

Mazda loads up the basic CX-5 GX model with air conditioning and the usual power-operated features, along with cruise control and push-button start. Moving up to the GS trim adds a power moonroof, heated front seats, display monitor and rearview camera. The GT adds leather seat covers, 19-inch wheels and a premium Bose Audio system. For 2016 Mazda has upgraded the front and rear seats for all trims.

Compact sedan both sporty and spacious

Mazda's sedan and hatchback models remain among the most attractive and sought-after compacts in their price bracket. They emulate the mid-size Mazda6 sedan and share visual kinship with other fleet members, with the possible exception of the 2016 MX-5 Miata.

The Mazda3 also benefits from the company's SkyActiv suite of structural and powertrain enhancements. That means a stiffer platform and finely tuned suspension and steering components geared to sports-car-like precision. But the real show stoppers are the base and optional powerplants.

There's a 2.0-litre four-cylinder that makes 155 horsepower and 150 pound-feet of torque; the optional 2.5-litre four-cylinder peaks with 184 horsepower and 185 pound-feet of torque. Both are available with six-speed manual transmissions, while six-speed automatics are optional. Fuel economy is good, as you would expect, and it's even a bit better even with the optional i-ELOOP capacitor that stores electricity generated while braking.

The system provides power for the 3's various electrical components for extended periods while disengaging the alternator, which reduces drag on the engine. The driver is unaware that i-ELOOP is operating. The base GX sedan and Sport hatchback include the usual power-operated accessories plus push-button start. Both body styles are also available in GS and GT trim, the latter fitted with enough standard and available comfort and safety content to rival many so-called luxury vehicles.

Regardless of your choice, the new Mazda3 is an impressive piece of work that will be appreciated by those who really enjoy driving something sporty, but without the space limitations that traditional sports cars impose.

A base 2.0-litre four-cylinder SkyActiv engine is augmented by a more potent 2.5-litre, with the choice of six-speed manual or automatic transmissions. CONTRIBUTED

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The Pathfinder has proven itself to be a popular choice among buyers with families who need enough seats for themselves and their offspring. When not loaded up with passengers, the Pathfinder has plenty of space for cargo, camping gear, sports equipment or binge-buying Costco runs. Whatever the need, this big Nissan can probably handle it.

The Pathfinder also has no problem getting up to steam thanks to a 3.5-litre V6 that generates 260 horsepower and 240 pound-feet of torque. It's teamed with a continuously variable transmission (CVT) that does reasonably well operating in a similar fashion to a traditional automatic. Note that for 2016, Nissan has deleted the Hybrid Pathfinder.

Still offered, of course, is Nissan's All-Mode 4x4-i option allows you to select either two- or four-wheel-drive or engage the "Auto" setting and let the system make the call, based on which tire/tires has/have traction. Heading downhill is easier with the Pathfinder's standard hill-descent control for all 4x4 models.

The Pathfinder's 3.5-litre V6 generates 260 horsepower and 240 pound-feet of torque. CONTRIBUTED

For passengers, the second-row split-folding seat comes with 14 centimetres of fore and aft travel and can be tipped forward to access the third row even if a child's booster seat has been attached. The available third row seat (also split-folding) reclines for greater comfort.

The base Pathfinder S arrives with tri-zone climate control and 14 beverage holders. The SV adds roof rails and a rearview monitor while leather-covered seats, remote engine start, heated steering wheel and a power liftgate are SL highlights. From there the sky's the limit where the SL Premium, Platinum and Platinum Premium trim levels are concerned.

Depending the depth of your pockets, you can add an up-level sound system, "Around View" camera (projects a 360-degree compilation image from overhead vantage onto the touch-screen), panorama moonroof, navigation system and new-for-2015 rear entertainment package with dual seven-inch screens.

PATHFINDER

Base Price (including destination):
$33,000

A 130-horsepower four-cylinder engine mates with a six-speed manual transmission or optional continuously variable unit. CONTRIBUTED

A facelift for the stylish Sentra

Nissan is giving the mid-size Altima sedan the once-over, styling-wise and will also do the same for the Sentra, although it won't be released until later in the 2016 model year.

However given that the previous Sentra closely mimicked the Altima, it's expected the same will be the case again. Likely to remain unchanged is the 130-horsepower four-cylinder engine that connects to a six-speed manual transmission or optional continuouxsly variable unit (CVT).

The latter, which has received much criticism for its noisy, whooshing operation, will probably be updated and refined with simulated automatic-transmission gear changes.

Assuming the trim levels remain the same, standard Sentra features will likely include cruise control, automatic on/off headlights, a USB port for smart phones and Bluetooth phone connectivity, which is in addition to air conditioning, tilt and telescopic steering column, power windows and door locks and remote keyless entry.

At the top of the Sentra scale you can expect dual-zone climate control, premium sound system, 17-inch wheels (16-inch wheels are standard), keyless ignition and a fancier interior, including heated leather seats. Optional is a touch-screen navigation system, rear-view monitor and other niceties that will take you far away from a bare-bones econo-box.

SENTRA

Base Price (including destination):
$17,500

SNAPPY WAGON STANDS TALL

In case you weren't aware, buyers of compact and mid-size-sedans are shifting their transportation priorities and snapping up tall wagons of varying sizes. The Nissan Rogue is one of the top segment contenders, alongside the Honda CR-V, Toyota RAV4, Ford Escape, Chevrolet Equinox and Hyundai Tucson. Introduced for the 2014 model year, the current Rogue shows plenty of exterior and interior styling class.

The latter comes in the form of an available third-row seat. Sure, it's tight on space back there and, when deployed, pretty much wipes out any semblance of cargo space. But it's also there for occasional use and makes the Rogue practically the only small-and-tall wagon to offer seven-passenger seating.

The standard powerplant continues to be a 2.5-litre four-cylinder rated at 170 horsepower and 175 pound-feet of torque. It's matched to a continuously variable transmission with a sport mode for snappier performance. For this version of the CVT, Nissan focused on reducing friction (by a claimed 40 per cent) and improving the transmission's belt and pulley system for better operating efficiency.

Neat interior features include the Divide-N-Hide cargo system (a two-tier load floor), and all the usual power goodies. For 2016, "Forward Emergency Braking," which can bring the Rogue to a complete stop before colliding with the car in front, is available on the SL trim.

All models of the Rogue continue to be available with all-wheel-drive. CONTRIBUTED

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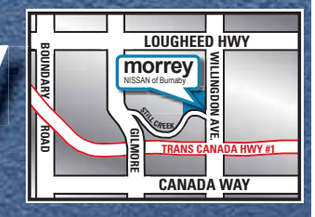

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C-CLASS EXCELLENCE RETURNS

Only one year into its lifespan, and the excellent C-Class sedan is being rejoined by a sexier two-door coupe. The coupe shares much of the same styling as the sedan, is 3.7-inches longer, 1.6-inches wider and has a 3.1-inch stretch in wheelbase over the previous-generation coupe. It also sits just over a half inch lower than the sedan and has 18-inch wheels as standard, versus the 17s on the sedan.

At the other end of the spectrum comes a reborn real C-Class station wagon, although little is known about it beyond its mid-winter 2016 launch. Like the sedan, total weight has been reduced by about 220 pounds. An interior makeover includes well-bolstered seats and a wood-trimmed control panel, with the coupe adding standard seatbelt minders. The toggle-style gear-shift lever is located on the steering column and in its former location on the console is a controller with a unique touch pad. It allows your fingers to zoom or reduce (pinch) and select the various menu items, including infotainment, communications and climate systems that are shown on a dash-mounted tablet-style screen that juts out from the dashboard. The C300 has a turbocharged 241-horsepower 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine in both sedan and coupe. The new C 300d packs the same 2.1-litre turbodiesel engine as the GLC, with 190 horsepower and 369 pound-feet of torque, and will come solely with 4MATIC all-wheel drive in both the sedan and wagon.

Punchy turbo-four-cylinder engine is all about fuel economy; turbo-six now gets 362 horses in new 450 AMG to increase the fun; 4.0-litre twin-turbo V8 comes with either 469 horsepower or 503 in AMG C63; seven-speed automatic transmission for all; all-wheel-drive is standard with the six-cylinder and optional with the four-cylinder. CONTRIBUTED

The new sedan-only C450 AMG gets a twin-turbo 3.0-litre V6 that now produces 3623 horsepower (up from 329) and is aimed straight at the Audi S4 and BMW 335i. Finally, the full Mercedes-AMG C63 returns, although now using a twin-turbocharged 4.0-litre V8. In regular guise, it produces 469 horsepower and 479 pound-feet of torque, or boosted further to 503 horses and 516 pound-feet in the mind-blowing C63 S. The C63 can be had in either body style, and also adds racy suspension, 19-inch wheels, and things like carbon-ceramic brakes on the S. All engines are matched to seven-speed automatic transmissions. Mercedes-Benz's 4MATIC permanent all-wheel-drive system is standard on all C300, diesel and C450 AMG models.

The C300 arrives with climate control, leather-covered seats (16-way power-adjustable in front and split-folding in back), electric parking brake and keyless pushbutton start.

C-CLASS

Base Price (including destination):
$44,500 (sedan); $45,600 (Coupe, est.); $57,500 (C450); $76,300 (C63); $85,300 (S)

Offering the fun-to-drive factor

Being cute and passing the pumps only gets you so far, based on the Smart's sluggish sales over the past few years.

But the Fortwo now has more to offer, not the least of which is an actual fun-to-drive factor. For starters, two adults can now more comfortably coexist, thanks to a 10-centimetre increase in width (overall length remains unchanged at close to 2.7 metres). The dashboard has shed its previous plastic appearance and is now covered with a nylon weave that classes things up (this is made by Mercedes-Benz, after all). The previous 70-horsepower 1.0-litre three-cylinder engine has been replaced by a turbocharged 0.9-litre three-cylinder that sends 89 horsepower and 100 pound-feet of torque to the rear wheels.

Mercedes-Benz claims that the Smart can reach 100 km-h from rest in just over 10 seconds, or about three seconds quicker than before (quite acceptable for this city-focused micro machine). The powerplant connects to a new five-speed manual transmission or an optional six-speed paddle-shift automated manual. A major Smart advantage is its tight 6.9-metre turning circle, which is 1.8-metre reduction over the previous model. The Fortwo also benefits from a 10-centimetre gain between the left and right wheels (called the track) for greater stability and more shoulder room.

A new turbocharged three-cylinder engine and both manual and automated manual transmissions do wonders for the Smart's competency and character. CONTRIBUTED

There's also "Crosswind Assist" that kicks in at speeds above 80 km-h and uses light braking force to keep the car on its intended path in gusty conditions.

The base Smart "Pure" trim level comes with climate control, an audio system with Bluetooth connectivity, and eight airbags. The remaining Passion and Prime trims add all manner of content such as a fixed panorama glass roof, heated leather seats, rear park assist and up-level JBL-brand sound system. You can also equip your Smart with Forward Collision Warning, 16-inch wheels (15-inchers are standard) and a Sport Package with a lowered ride height and blacked-out wheels and trim.

FORTWO

Base Price (including destination):
$18,500

NEW BRAND, SAME QUALITY

Mercedes-Benz's model realignment continues apace with the newly branded GLC, a vehicle that was previously called the GLK. The result is better proportioned than its blocky predecessor and offers a much-improved environment for passengers.

Although still a smallish mid-size wagon, the GLC 300 is a full 10 centimetres longer between the axles than the GLK and 12.5-centimetres longer overall. Moreover, the GLC is nearly 90 kilograms lighter, although some of that decrease is likely due to a smaller base engine.

For the vehicle's debut, Mercedes-Benz toned down the GLC's performance, deleted the turbo-diesel option and instead went for a turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder that produces 241 horsepower and 273 pound-feet of torque. It's a far cry from the previous 302-horsepower 3.5-litre V6 that used to be the standard gasoline powerplant.

The engine is sourced from the current C-Class sedan, but it doesn't share that model's seven-speed automatic transmission. Instead, an all-new nine-speed automatic picks the gears for you.

As before, Mercedes' 4Matic all-wheel-drive is standard, and well worth it for more secure all-weather driving. Among the GLC's unique options is an air-ride suspension (in place of steel springs), which has to be a first in a class that includes the Audi RDX, BMW X3, Lincoln MKC and Audi Q5.

Another extra-cost upgrade is an active damping system that continually — as in milliseconds — adjusts the shocks' firmness while negotiating turns or when travelling over rough or uneven roads.

What's in a name? It used to be called the GLK-Class; now this wagon has become the larger, but lighter, GLC-Class. CONTRIBUTED

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NEW GEN OPTIMA HOLDS ITS OWN

Until recently, the top dog in Kia's sedan kennel was the Optima, but this mid-size sedan now finds itself sharing quarters with the larger Cadenza and larger-still K900 luxury models.

Still, the Optima more than holds its own with buyers, especially so now with a new-generation model hitting the showroom floor. Exterior styling, an Optima strong suit, hasn't been drastically altered, but the car's overall dimensions have increased slightly due to a new platform that gives it a bit more length and width.

The most important changes have taken place beneath the hood. The base 2.4-litre engine has been tweaked for fuel efficiency's sake and now makes 185 horsepower and 175 pound-feet of torque, slightly less than the previous 192/181. Newly optional is a turbocharged 1.6-litre four-cylinder that's rated at 178/195. At the top end, a turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder produces 245/260, down from the previous 274/269 ratings. The 2.4 and 2.0 powerplants are mated to six-speed automatic transmissions, but the turbo 1.6 receives its own seven-speed automated manual. Note that the hybrid hasn't been included in the makeover process, but that will likely happen sometime in 2016.

With numerous trim levels, the Optima cuts a wide swath to satisfy a variety of budgets. Throw in the car's classy looks along with a five-year/100,000-kilometre warranty and it's game-on for Kia in the mid-size sedan arena.

OPTIMA

Base Price (including destination): $24,500

Popular rugged performers

A large part of what makes the Impreza — and most other Subarus for that matter — popular with growing numbers of buyers is that each sells for roughly the same price as similar cars in their class, except that the competition does not include all-wheel-drive for the price. For that option on competing models, the fee can be as much as $3,000.

Left: Impreza sedan, right: XV Crosstrek. A 2.0-litre four-cylinder generates 148 horsepower; a five-speed manual or optional continuously variable unit are your transmission choices. CONTRIBUTED

IMPREZA

Base Price (including destination): $19,100

XV CROSSTREK

Base Price (including destination): $26,650; $32,150 (Hybrid)

Another advantage is that the Impreza's powerplant places thriftiness ahead of raw horsepower, with a 2.0-litre four-cylinder generating 148 horses and 145 pound-feet of torque.

The outdoorsy version of the Impreza hatchback, Subaru's XV Crosstrek enjoys a reputation as a rugged performer over mud and snow, as long as the workout isn't too strenuous. The mildly restyled wagon has 21 centimetres of rock-hopping ground clearance plus unique, bumpers, roof rails, protective side cladding and rear spoiler.

The meaner macho look is completed with darker window tinting and a set of 17-inch all-season tires mounted to custom-look wheels. Powering all four wheels is a 148-horsepower 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine that's shared with the Impreza. A five-speed manual transmission comes with Incline Start Assist to prevent rolling backward when shifting your right foot from the brake to the gas pedal while stopped on a hill.

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SHOWING CIVIC PRIDE

Honda classes up its compact-car act with sharp-looking 10th-generation sedan and coupe models. CONTRIBUTED

Honda introduced the 2016 Civic coupe and sedan during a live-streaming press conference in September, only to leave out pretty much every significant detail, from power and options, to price.

That info will come out in due course, but for now it's known that a 2.0-litre four-cylinder will be the standard engine on Civic LX and EX models, while a turbocharged 1.5-litre four-cylinder (the first turbo engine in a Honda product to be sold in North America) will find its way inside the premium EX-T, Ex-L and Touring trim levels.

A six-speed manual transmission and optional continuously variable unit (CVT) can be matched to the 2.0, while the 1.5 turbo gets its own unique CVT. The Civic sedan grows by 3.0 centimetres in wheelbase, is 5.1 centimetres wider and sits 2.5 centimetres closer to the ground. These changes will make the Civic the roomiest in the compact-sedan class, says Honda.

CIVIC

Base Price (including destination): $18,000

The coupe's dimensions should similarly increase, but Honda isn't launching it until mid-way into the 2016 model year. At that time it's expected that an all-new Civic hatchback will arrive and hot Si coupe and sedan will also return.

Meanwhile, the sedan's new platform is now 25 per cent stiffer while dropping a bit of weight. Among the list of available new features is a full range of crash-avoiding software that falls under the Honda Sensing label. These include forward-collision and road-departure warnings and adaptive cruise control that slows down or stops the vehicle in stop-and-go driving situations.

The Fit's powerful new version

A 1.5-litre four-cylinder engine is more powerful than the previous Fit. Choose from a six-speed manual transmission or optional fuel-saving continuously variable unit (CVT). CONTRIBUTED

The Mexico-built Fit sticks to a proven formula: keep the size and weight in check; keep the body free of fat and the inside spacious; and keep drivers and passengers thinking they're ensconced in a vehicle that feels and drives much larger than it really is. Despite being physically and dimensionally similar, the current Fit actually looks bigger than its predecessor, thanks to more prominent body creases and fenders that bulge out at the wheel openings.

The wraparound headlight pods integrate with the grille and no longer extend alongside the hood. The taillights are enlarged and the squared-off liftgate glass helps emphasize the width. The interior remains a marvel of practicality. Passenger volume is on the generous side and rear-seat legroom is practically Accord-like, primarily due to the chassis design and a compact rear suspension.

The Fit's 1.5-litre four-cylinder engine makes 130 horsepower and 114 pound-feet of torque, compared to 117 horses and 106 pound-feet of torque for the previous 1.5. A six-speed manual transmission, or optional continuously variable unit (CVT), directs power to the front wheels. The CVT helps the Fit achieve 7.0 l/100 km in the city and 5.7on the highway. Just because it's a bottom-rung Honda doesn't mean the Fit lacks for convenience. The top-line EX-L comes with a power moonroof, multi-angle rearview camera (a basic rearview camera is standard) leather-covered seats (heated in front) and push-button start. A voice-controlled navigation system can also be ordered for the EX-L.

FIT

Base Price (including destination): $16,300

CR-V

Base Price (including destination): $27,700

CONTRIBUTED

A SMART AND LIVELY WAGON

The CR-V has established itself as a can-do wagon that combines smart looks, lively performance and impressive fuel economy.

For 2015, it received a new front fascia (grille, bumper and headlight pods), taillights and wheel designs. It was also given a new dash and floor console layout with more soft-touch materials for the door panels. Mechanically, an upgrade to direct injection (fuel sprayed under high pressure directly into the cylinders instead of through the intake manifold) for the CR-V's 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine yielded a torque increase to 181 pound-feet from the previous 163, but without a horsepower increase.

A continuously variable transmission replaced the previous five-speed automatic. These changes have helped keep the CR-V at the top of a category collective that encompasses the Ford Escape, Toyota RAV4 and Nissan Rogue. Undoubtedly, the CR-V's passenger comfort and generous cargo capacity have also helped keep it at the forefront, as does a rear seat that folds by flipping a pair of levers located just inside the liftgate. Access through the rear makes it easy to load large/bulky items onto a flat load floor that can be extended to more than five feet. Base models come with a centre console armrest, sliding sun visors and rear console ventilation ducts.

The EX adds a power moonroof, fog lights and a few other niceties. Popping for the EX-L gets you leather seat covers, 10-way heated driver's seat, up-level audio system and access to the optional navigation system. Honda's top-line Touring trim level includes leading-edge safety aids such as Adaptive Cruise Control, Forward Collision and lane-departure Warning and Lane Keeping Assist. A navigation system and a power tailgate are also part of the Touring package.

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Giants forward Ronning scores in losing effort

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Ty Ronning and Team Cherry didn't get the win in the CHL Top Prospects Game in Vancouver on Thursday.

But for Ronning, the hometown player added to the event when his Giants teammate Tyler Benson couldn't play due to injury, he hopes the experience can give him an extra boost as the local Western Hockey League team looks to make a run for a playoff spot.

Top Prospects Game

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ORR	CHERRY

Ronning scored on his first shift of Thursday's showcase event, showing those deft hands that have helped him put up 26 goals in the WHL season so far. He also had a strong night with linemates Sam Steel of Regina and Vitaly Abramov of Gatineau in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

In fact, that trio spent a good portion of the night in the other team's zone and could've easily factored more into the scoring.

"I think it was pretty cool. My hometown, all those fans cheering — I think it was the loudest cheer I've ever had. It's something I'll never forget," said Ronning.

"I felt like I had a strong game. You can always improve. You know what? I tried to shoot every chance I got and tried to turn some heads, maybe. There's a lot of critics … but just go out there and play your game and I had a lot of fun."

Team Orr earned the victory, beating out Team Cherry by a final score of 3-2 before a crowd of 10,113 at Pacific Coliseum.

Pierre-Luc Dubois of Cape Breton (QMJHL) scored the winning goal just 11 seconds after Team Cherry had tied the game at two goals apiece late in the third period.

As dangerous as the Ronning-Steel-Abramov line was, Team Orr's fourth line did the damage.

Dubois finished with three points, as did Pascal Laberge, who scored twice, including a beauty in the second period as he froze Alexander Debrincat with a move near the blue line, went in and snapped his shot for the goal.

Laberge added another on the power play in the third period.

Logan Brown also scored for Team Cherry.

Team Cherry goalie Evan Fitzpatrick tries to get his shoulder on a puck during the first period of the CHL Top Prospects Game at Pacific Coliseum on Thursday. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

RISING STOCK

Johansen's game heading in the 'right direction'

The only thing to get in the way of a Johansen brothers reunion this week was a schedule conflict.

Ryan Johansen, traded from the Columbus Blue Jackets, was in town with his new team, the Nashville Predators, for a Tuesday meeting with the Vancouver Canucks. Younger brother Lucas Johansen, a defenceman with the Kelowna Rockets in the Western Hockey League, was also in town for the Top Prospects Game, but alas he was unable to see his older sibling at Rogers Arena.

While Ryan, at the age of 23, is already into his fifth NHL season, Lucas is approaching the upcoming draft as the 38th-ranked North American skater.

Currently in his second year with the Rockets, Lucas has scored seven goals and 26 points in 44 games, which leads all defencemen in Kelowna.

The book on him, from NHL Central Scouting, is that he's developing into a defenceman that can be effective at both ends of the rink.

"His game is growing, it's going in the right direction," Central Scouting's Dan Marr said in an NHL.com article published last March. "He's on an upward trend so the projection should be he'll continue and chances are he'll move up as the year continues." CAM TUCKER/METRO

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Caps give Earnshaw new role

MLS

Striker to coach U-14s, help first-team forwards

Cam Tucker
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For a few years now, Robert Earnshaw has already kind of felt like a coach. It just wasn't official. Not yet, anyway.

"Over the last two, three years, you get to an age where you're experienced enough that sometimes you coach on the pitch — as a player. It's kind of felt like that over the last few years," the 34-year-old Welshman striker told reporters on Thursday.

Earlier in the day, the Whitecaps announced that the affable Earnshaw officially retired from his playing career that spanned 18 years and ended after a single season with Vancouver's Major League Soccer side.

In nine games with the Whitecaps, he scored twice on the only two shots he took in MLS competition last year.

The club also announced that Earnshaw is now the head coach of the U-14 Whitecaps pre-residency team and will serve as the MLS team's strikers coach.

It's a fitting role given his ability to score throughout his career, between professional clubs in England, Scotland, Israel, Canada and the U.S., and the Wales national team.

> **You can't ever beat playing. But this is the next best thing.**
> Robert Earnshaw

Earnshaw admitted this is a new challenge, but said he has completed his UEFA B coaching license with kids in similar age to those at the Whitecaps residency program.

He added that he will work with the Whitecaps' strikers when his schedule permits.

For now, Earnshaw's focus is on teaching the kids, imparting his years of soccer wisdom and experience. Earnshaw and the Whitecaps had been seriously discussing this new role for a couple of weeks. He felt he could've continued playing, but he opted to choose to get into coaching at the youth level.

With a wide smile, he said his first talk with his new team made him more nervous than playing in front of 80,000 fans.

"You can't ever beat playing," he said. "But this is the next best thing.

"It would be an incredible feeling for me if I coached somebody and I see them go right to the very top and you play a part in that."

Robert Earnshaw retired from professional soccer to take a coaching role with the Vancouver Whitecaps. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

SOCCER

FA chairman Dyke resigns

The English Football Association chairman, who set the national team a target of winning the World Cup by 2022, is leaving in July.

Greg Dyke announced Thursday that he will not stand for re-election this year because of friction he expects will result from attempts to modernize the FA's decision-making structures.

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De Bruyne out for 10 weeks

Manchester City midfielder Kevin De Bruyne says he'll be out for action for approximately 10 weeks after injuring his ankle and knee in City's League Cup semifinal win over Everton on Wednesday.

The Belgium international was carried off on a stretcher, with his right leg in a brace, near the end of City's 3-1 win that sets up a final against Liverpool in February. De Bruyne confirmed his layoff via his Twitter account Thursday which rules him out of the Wembley finale.

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IN BRIEF

Raptors set new franchise win-streak record

The Toronto Raptors have made history, winning a franchise-record 10 games in a row.

Toronto's all-stars Kyle Lowry and DeMar DeRozan scored 26 points apiece to lift the Raptors to a 103-93 victory over the New York Knicks on Thursday, breaking a record that had stood for 14 years.

Lowry, whose sore wrist had him questionable to play right up until the players took the court for warm-up, added 10 assists and six rebounds on the night.

Jonas Valanciunas had a double-double with 11 points and 18 rebounds for Toronto (31-15), while Cory Joseph had 11 points and Patrick Patterson chipped in with 10.

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DeRozan joins East squad

DeMar DeRozan is joining Toronto Raptors teammate Kyle Lowry in the NBA all-star game.

The 26-year-old shooting guard was named an Eastern Conference reserve on Thursday, as voted by NBA coaches.

It marks the first time the Raptors have had two players voted onto the all-star squad, and is a reward, says coach Dwane Casey, for a hardworking player and all-around good guy.

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All-Star loses some sparkle

NHL

Big names Ovi and Toews pull out of weekend due to injury

A one-game, slap-on-the-wrist suspension isn't enough to stop NHL teams from keeping their banged-up players out of all-star weekend.

The league said Thursday that Chicago captain Jonathan Toews won't participate in all-star festivities in Nashville after he left a game this week with an illness. That came one day after the Capitals' Alex Ovechkin pulled out of all-star weekend with a lower-body injury that the team said had been bothering him since November.

Ovechkin and Toews by rule are suspended for the first game after the all-star break, the same punishment the Pittsburgh Penguins accepted last year with Sidney Crosby. The NHL's rule was first used in 2009 against Detroit Red Wings stars Nicklas Lidstrom and Pavel Datsyuk, and now it has been levied against five of the league's top players.

More teams are opting to play it safe.

"We had to make a conscious decision on that," Washington coach Barry Trotz said. "That's the rules. You've seen other teams make that decision. I was out West, and Detroit's made that decision a few times. The ultimate goal for us is to go deeper than we did last year, so sometimes you have to make those decisions. We made it. And we'll just deal with it."

Ovechkin and Toews have each appeared at a handful of all-star games, and the price of missing a Feb. 2 game is insignificant compared with potential long-term ramifications. Blackhawks physician Michael Terry said Toews left Chicago's game Tuesday with an illness and was symptomatic again Thursday, so he believes "rest over the break is most important for him to properly recover and be fully healthy heading into the rest of the regular season."

The Capitals are atop the NHL standings as the best team in the Eastern Conference, and the defending Stanley Cup-champion Blackhawks are the best in the West at the break.

Washington will still have three all-stars, as fellow Russian Evgeny Kuznetsov will replace Ovechkin and join centre Nicklas Backstrom and goaltender Braden Holtby in Nashville. The host Predators now have four representatives, since Toews' replacement is winger James Neal. He joins Nashville defencemen Shea Weber and Roman Josi and goalie Pekka Rinne.

Evgeny Kuznetsov, left, will replace Alex Ovechkin and James Neal replaces Jonathan Toews. GETTY IMAGES

New York Islanders centre John Tavares replaces Ovechkin as captain of the Metropolitan Division for the league's new three-on-three tournament format. Playing three-on- for 20-minute periods three is something Trotz expressed concern over earlier in the week. "I think for some players, if you have a lower-back (injury) or groin issues or things like that and you get caught out on some of those long shifts ... you can get caught out there for quite a while," Trotz said.

"There's some of those foot races — you take a shot, miss the net or you get a great offensive chance, now there's a race all the way back. When you're fatigued you can probably blow a groin or something. If you have any kind of low-back or groin issues, those are things that could lead to re-injury."

Ovechkin said he hasn't been healthy for a couple of months. As much as he enjoys all-star weekend, he said he was OK with the organization's decision to hold him out.

"This was a hard decision, but we talk about it, coaching staff, trainers and we tried to battle through it, maybe it's getting better — but it's stayed the same," Ovechkin said. "I have to get ready for the rest of the year, get healthy and I think we have a good chance to have success and I want to be a part of it. I don't want to miss important things."

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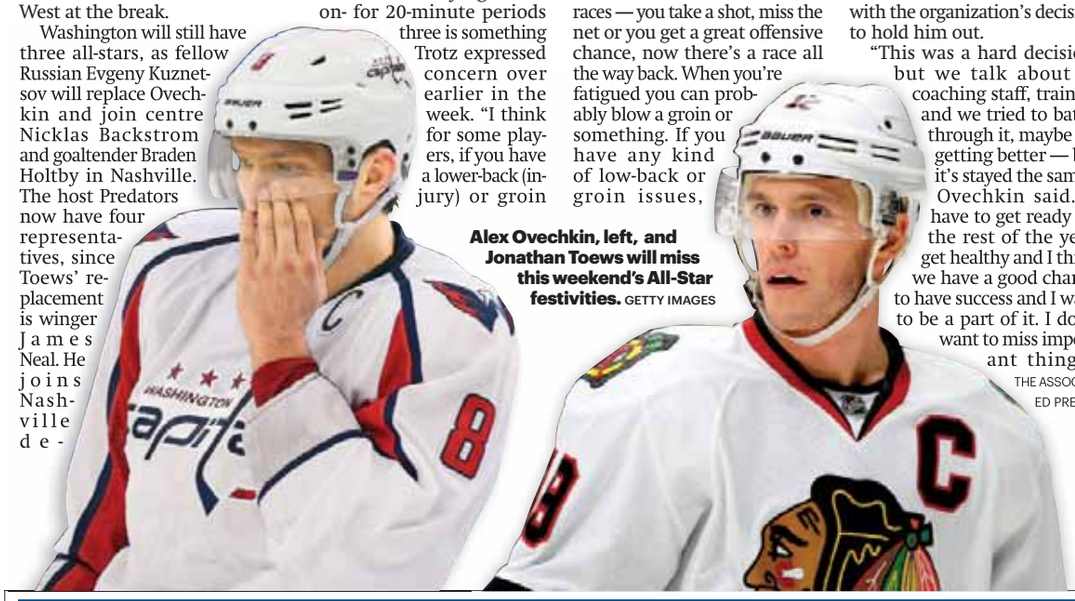

Alex Ovechkin, left, and Jonathan Toews will miss this weekend's All-Star festivities. GETTY IMAGES

ALL-STAR REBOOTED

THE FORMAT
This year's competition will be Sunday's three-game, three-on-three tournament with teams from each of the NHL's four divisions. Each squad will have six forwards, three defencemen and two goalies.

THE PRIZE
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THE SKILLS
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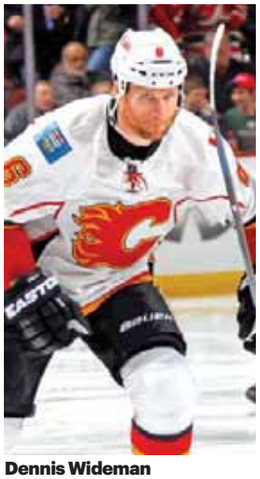
FLAMES

Wideman banned for hit on linesman



Dennis Wideman
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Calgary Flames defenceman Dennis Wideman has been suspended indefinitely pending a hearing for checking and knocking down linesman Don Henderson on Wednesday night.

Wideman will have a hearing Tuesday with the NHL's department of hockey operations.

During the second period of the Flames' game against Nashville, Wideman got up after being hit and struck Henderson on the way to the bench. Wideman said he was in pain and was just trying to get off the ice, adding that he couldn't avoid Henderson.

Wideman apologized to Henderson after the incident.

The Flames lost 2-1 to the Predators.

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Serves 2

Ingredients
- 2 pitas
- 1 cup passata (or tomato or pizza sauce)
- Salt and pepper
- 1 1/2 to 2 cups mozzarella, grated
- 1/4 cup crisply fried bacon, crumbled
- Few leaves of basil
- 2 eggs

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 450 F.

2. Place the pitas on a baking sheet. Pour tomato sauce on pitas and spread it around. Leave a little edge clear of sauce all the way around.

3. Sprinkle your cheese on each pita and push it slightly out the edges so you make a nest for your egg.

4. Sprinkle basil and the bacon all around the edge of your cheese nest. Gently crack an egg in the middle. Slide the cookie sheet carefully into the oven. Bake for about 15 to 20 minutes, depending on how done you like your eggs.

5. Use a spatula to move your egg pizza to a cutting board where you'll cut each pizza into four. Serve with slices of avocado, sour cream and a bit of salsa. Enjoy!

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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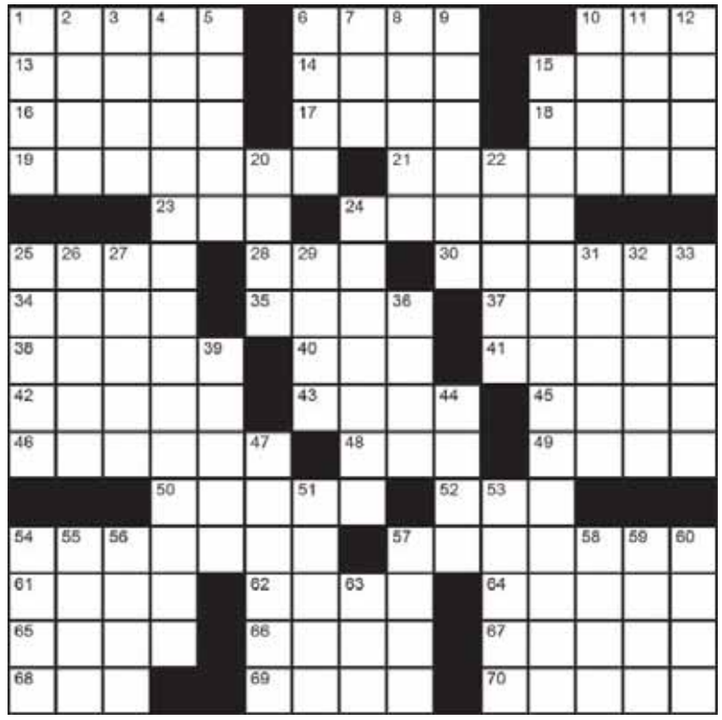

ACROSS
1. _ Current, Saskatchewan
6. Luke Skywalker mentor
10. Soak through
13. Weakly
14. Authentic
15. 1978 suspenseful movie for Canadian actress Genevieve Bujold, co-starring Michael Douglas
16. "It just doesn't _ _..." (Detective's observation)
17. Oooh's friend
18. Dismounted
19. Trailblazer
21. Here Comes the Bride! Engage, 1800s-style
23. John _ (Steppenwolf's lead singer)
24. Last
25. The North _
28. _ of corn
30. "Runaway Train": 1993 hit for Soul _
34. Secondhand
35. Batch
37. Secret chest
38. This stuff
40. Three Dog Night hit
41. Gourmand
42. Electronics whiz [var. sp.]
43. Neutral tone
45. And others, briefly: 2 wds.
46. The Earth's largest desert
48. Female octopus
49. Singer/guitarist Mr. Feliciano
50. Sailor collar blouse
52. Freezer stuff
54. Artist's 'eggy' painting
57. Traveller's brief layover: 2 wds.
61. Spread-for-bread
62. _ S. Rombauer (Joy of Cooking author)
64. Basketry fibre
65. Varied mixture
66. Achievement
67. Celebrated
68. Actor Mr. Watanabe
69. Forest's one-of-some
70. Skiers are happy when it does this outside

DOWN
1. Switch
2. Sort of streambed
3. _-European (Language family)
4. Bit of "Beauty School Dropout" from Grease: "... missed your midterms and _ _."
5. _ _ personality
6. 2016, for one
7. Mozart opera, L'_ del Cairo
8. Abu _ (United Arab Emirates capital)
9. Goddess of The Parthenon
10. Alone
11. Fail to mention
12. Route
15. Canadian singer playing #24-Down in FOX's "Grease: Live" musical production on January 31st: 3 wds.
20. Peepers
22. Food's flavour
24. As per #4-Down and #15-Down, role in Grease
25. Golf taps
26. "Romeo and Juliet" (1968) actor Milo
27. Bloodsucker
29. Succulent plant
31. Friday game in Canada, _ Max
32. Places for irises
33. Mr. Haggard of country tunes
36. Are, no more
39. Hawk's habitation, variantly
44. Condo purchase
47. Undirected
51. "Hey! I bet you can't..." sayer
53. Hairdos
54. Removed
55. She, in Quebec City
56. Chow _ (Take-out dish)
57. Satisfy
58. Sgt. Snorkel's dog
59. Went by plane
60. Gov. workers
63. Daisy _ (Li'l Abner's beloved)

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Why do you feel that someone is watching you? Is it because you have a guilty conscience? You may have done something wrong and think others can tell just by looking at you. But they can't, so stop worrying!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Don't make a big deal out of a trivial issue. In the larger scheme of things it's not important. Life is a game and not to be taken too seriously.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You may be tempted to cut corners in order to get yourself an advantage. If you succeed you won't feel good about yourself. And if you don't your rivals will take delight in your embarrassment at being caught.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Do you feel lucky? The planets warn that your feelings may not be the best guide to reality, err on the side of caution today. To put it bluntly: if you gamble you will most likely lose.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Some people enjoy making a drama out of a crisis but you don't have to do likewise. No matter what happens, don't overreact. Stay calm and stay in control of your emotions. Someone needs to keep their head.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
It is never easy for you to hold up your hand and admit that you made a mistake but you must do so today. No one expects you to be perfect, so why do you expect it of yourself?

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Someone is giving you a hard time is because they are under the impression that you can be pushed around. No matter what created that impression you must uncreate it. Give them a taste of their own medicine.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You have a tendency to get emotional over little things and that tendency is now heightened. Try not to overreact — no more than usual anyway!

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You get what you want more often than not but sometimes it pays to let others take the lead. There are a lot of pitfalls on the path you have chosen to take. Let others go first so it's not you who falls down them!

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Might never makes right and you will make it your business to see that the good guys come out on top. Be guided by your principles and never allow yourself to be bought or bullied.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If each step forward results in two steps back it might be wise to take the hint and stay put. You don't have to be on the go every hour of every day, so slow down and enjoy where you are.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You may be tempted to take a risk today but that could be dangerous. What you think is your subconscious mind guiding you is in fact nothing more than wishful thinking.

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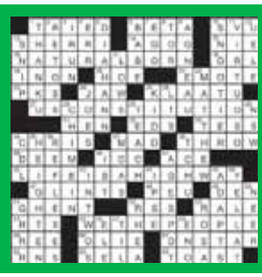

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